



Concert a success

Money to help FOP help kids all year long

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

If you missed the Cops & Kids Concert last Saturday night, you missed an awesome showing of how the community came together for a common cause – helping kids.

Though the numbers are still being crunched, it is believed that the money raised will total into the tens of thousands.

The concert, headlined by Bluegrass greats Allison Krauss and Dan Tyminski, packed the Powell County High School's Rodney T. Clark Memorial Gymnasium.

The nearly packed arena was treated to some fine music from J.D. Crowe and the New South, a regular at concerts to help Powell's kids, and local Gospel group, Drawing Nigh.

The crowd loved to see Crowe and his band playing some of their favorites. Powell's own Ricky Wasson, who plays with Crowe and the New South, had fun poking a little J.D. Crowe. The crowd seemed to enjoy the fun as well.

But when Krauss and Tyminski took to the stage, the crowd was electric and full of excitement. Several times the crowd gave standing ovations to the two singers.

Krauss was warmly

welcomed with shouts of "I love you Allison" as she told the crowd she was honored to be able to help the kids of Powell County. She mesmerized the crowd as she sang such hits as "When You Say Nothing At All" and "Whiskey Lullaby." Tyminski nearly brought the house down when he cut loose with his fan favorite, "Man of Constant Sorrow." The crowd joined in several times to help him sing the song heard in the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou."

As the night went along several members of The New South joined Krauss

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Parades kick off the season

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

It was truly a festive weekend in Powell County. The Christmas Spirit was flowing, even though the snow has yet to fall. Add that and Christmas may come a little early.

Powell Countians got to witness two parades to open the Christmas season, a first in history. The Powell County Kiwanis Club Winterfest Parade started the activities last Friday. Though a small parade, the crowd's enthusiasm seemed to let organizers know that next year's could be bigger.

Santa Claus arrived in Stanton in a horse drawn carriage in the parade. The Powell County High School Marching Band performed several Christmas tunes and the kids enjoyed the candy that was thrown from the various floats or vehicles.

The parade ended at the Powell County Courthouse



Times Photo by James Cook

"Santa" arrived in Stanton last Friday in a horse drawn carriage during the Kiwanis Winterfest Parade, a first for Stanton.

where the simultaneous lighting of the Christmas tree there, in Clay City and in Slade took place. Santa met with over 100 kids and gave them goody bags. Hot chocolate was available courtesy of The Daily Grind.

On the courthouse lawn there were a few visitors as well. The Kiwanis Club sponsored a Snowman

Contest and several were on display. They will remain on the grounds through the holiday season.

Meanwhile at the PCHS Cafeteria the Second Annual Christmas Tea was held on Friday. Those in attendance decorated their tables in various Christmas and holiday themes. A great time of

fellowship and of course tea, along with various types of foods were served.

"It is just a great time to meet and have a positive fellowship with other people in the community. It is good to see just things and to enjoy our

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School board discusses early graduation, forms committee about field

By KAYLA MAYS
Times Reporter

The Powell County Board of Education held a special Board meeting last Monday night. The purpose was to pass the new policy of early graduation and to set in motion the committee to name the high school's sports complex.

The board held the second reading of the new policy for early graduation and it was approved with all in favor. That policy will allow for students who can complete their credits early the chance to graduate early as well.

This will enable those who may need to move on into the work force for various reasons a way to do so without forfeiting a high school diploma.

Next, the board held a discussion of easements for the sewer line for Red River Waste Water authority. Stanton Mayor Dale Allen explained to

the board that there was no cost to them and they only needed to give permission to cross property which would be behind the middle school, behind the football field, and along the park.

After some discussion the board gave approval contingent upon school attorney approving the contract. Last, the school board appointed Athletic Director and Building and Grounds Director Monroe Jones to chair a committee for proposal for naming of the football/track facility.

The board ask that Jones determine representation on the committee and bring it to the next school board meeting for approval. The board members also asked that the committee be a "good scope of people, such as athletes, community members, those involved in community and school

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Casa San Pio is a place for both healing of the body and soul

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

Though it has actually been open for just over a month, the Casa San Pio Medical Clinic in Stanton held a Grand Opening last Saturday. The event was a chance to have the facility blessed by the bishop of the Lexington diocese and to show off the state-of-the-art facility to the general public.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, who heads up the 50 county diocese in central and eastern Kentucky, was on hand to bless the building and grounds with holy water. He also took part in blessing the Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Physician's Guild Enshrinement.

"This is a house and a place where not only

can the sick be healed of their physical ailments but so can their souls be healed." Bishop Gainer told the crowd. "It is a place where the people of Powell County can come and know that their needs both physically and spiritually can be met, as we follow the example of Christ and the work of Saint Pio."

The new clinic, Casa San Pio, is actually part of a network of clinics built by two physicians from Jackson and Marian Medical Services, a Missouri based company. Together they work to bring services like cardiologists and high tech medical care to small areas. They are also the founders of Catholic HealthCare International.

That organization works to help build

healthcare facilities and hospitals modeling the "Home for the Relief of Suffering" that Padre Pio was well-known for. The casa's are "Clinics for the Body and the Soul." Padre Pio died in 1968, but his work helping others has gone on and Pope John Paul II canonized him as St. Pio of Pietrelcina in 2002.

The clinic is a "calling" for Jere Palazzolo, the head of the Marian Medical Services, and the doctors. "We have a vision, a mission, to provide quality, comprehensive medical care in poorer areas," he said. "We feel it is our calling to serve the community, to serve the poor."

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Times Photo by James Cook

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of the Lexington Diocese blessed the crowd and the facility last Saturday during the Grand Opening of the Casa San Pio Medical Clinic. Bishop Gainer called the clinic a place where both the body and soul can seek healing.

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CONCERT: Krauss and Tyminski headline effort to help Powell's kids

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and Tyminski on stage to help perform various hits. J.D. Crowe joined in near the end as Krauss explained that waiting for him to join them was “like waiting for Christmas morning.”
The local Fraternal Order of Police worked with Wasson and his wife, Sarah, to put the show together. The Wasson’s have known Krauss since she was a pre-teen. Several members of the FOP stated that it was Sarah Wasson’s hard work that made the concert such a success.
The money raised will go toward several things. The FOP will use some of the money this week to help take nearly 130 children to the Winchester Wal-Mart to shop for Christmas gifts. The event, formerly known as “Shop with a Cop, has been changed to Cops & Kids after a company advised officers

that the former name was copyrighted.
“We will be able to take more kids and spend a little more on them this year,” an FOP source who did not want to be named, advised the Times.
The money will also go toward a fund that the FOP can use all year long to help kids in need and their families. “That is our goal, to help them all year long as well as at Christmas time,” FOP President Denny Frazier told the Times in an earlier interview. “We just want to be able to help all we can and hopefully be a positive influence in their lives. This concert can go along way to making that happen.”

Times Photo by James Cook

Allison Krauss and Dan Tyminski signed autographs for nearly an hour after the Cops & Kids Concert Saturday night.



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The enshrinement is dedicated to Saint Gianna Bertta Molla, who was beatified on April 24, 1994 and canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 16, 2004. She was an Italian wife, mother and physician who refused to have either an abortion or hysterectomy when she was pregnant with her fourth child. She was diagnosed with a fibroid tumor during the second month of pregnancy and refused to have the tumor removed even though she knew the risks. She brought the baby to full term, but died of septic peritonitis one week after the child’s birth. A picture of Saint Gianna is hanging in the clinic, enshrined as an honor to her.
Palazzolo and his company own the clinic, but so do the doctors who will be running the clinic. Dr. Mel Abordo is board certified in cardiology and internal medicine. His wife, Dr. June Abadilla is also board certified in



Times Photo by James Cook
Bishop Gainer blesses a picture of Saint Gianna which will hang in the clinic.

internal medicine plus pulmonology. That means she works with medical problems with the lungs. “We’ve had this calling and have been following it for about five or six years now,” Palazzolo said.
The clinic is well equipped and provides diagnostic services like CT Scans, Nuclear Cardiology, ultra sounds and other laboratory services. The clinic has extended hours on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Times Photo by James Cook
It looks like some of Santa's elves took a little time off for the Christmas Tea last Friday in Stanton. Actually it was Powell Circuit Clerk Darlene Drake and her staff as they arrived following the Winterfest parade.

FIELD: Committee formed

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so they can make sure they know what the community wants.”
The current Pirates football team brought a petition to the school board back in October asking that the sports complex be named after former superintendent and county judge executive, the late Jimmy Potts.
The board, so far has shown no real

disagreement with the proposal, but has asked that the situation be reviewed so as to not leave any interested party out of the discussions.
Members of the team, coaches and the parents would love to have the decision made quickly. However, the board and superintendent Mike Tate has indicated that they do not want to rush the process.

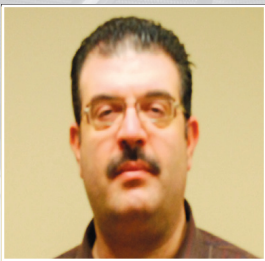
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Parks to celebrate 50th Anniversary

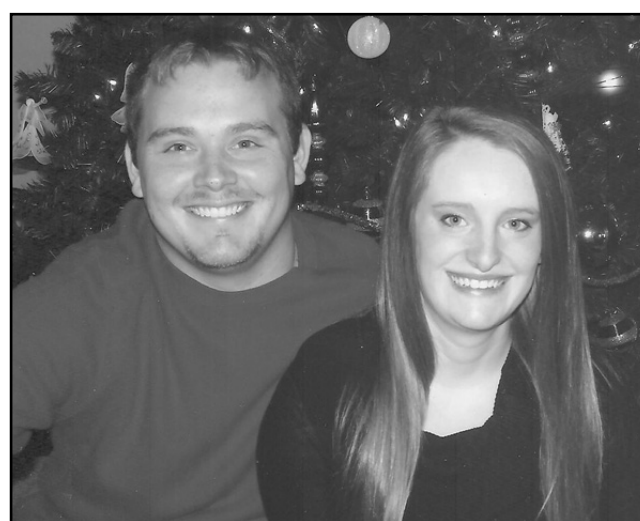


Walter "Bud" and Janice Parks

Jeff and Carol Parks, Valerie Parks, Suzannah and Robert Merion would like to invite you to celebrate with them the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their parents Walter "Bud" and Janice Parks. Mr. and Mrs. Parks were married on Dec. 10, 1961 in Clay City by the late Rev. J.R. Phillippe.

The reception will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Clay City Municipal Building from 2-5p.m. The couple requests no gifts please.

The Parks' have eight grandchildren: Eric, Rachel, Kurt, Paige, Alex and Philip Parks, Shelby Barnett and Bryce Merion.



Todd Rogers and Heather Noble

Noble-Rogers to wed

Mr. Gregory Noble and Mrs. Sheila Pergam have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter, Ms. Heather Leann Noble to Mr. Todd Alan Rogers.

Todd is the son of Mr. James Keith (Jackie) Rogers and Mrs. Conchita (Danny) Everman.

The future bride is a full time student at Morehead State University and employed at Stanton Dairy Queen. The future groom is employed by JDH Contracting, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at 4 p.m. at West Bend First Church of God in West Bend. The ceremony will be officiated by Brother James Harold Combs. No formal invitations will be sent.

All friends and family are invited to attend. The reception will follow immediately after the ceremony.



Happy Birthday Coach!

Don't try to deny it, you're another year older and loving it!

Here is hoping you have a great birthday from all your friends, family and every player you ever coached.

Happy Birthday Coach Faulkner !!!

PARADES: Two parades mean double the work and the fun

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friends and neighbors while having a good time and helping others," Jennifer Billings, PCHS Art Teacher and tea organizer, said of the event. The proceeds are going to help the Art Club and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) at the high school.

On Saturday the Senior Citizens Center held their 13th Annual Christmas Bazaar. The event allows the community to come in and purchase several holiday related items or bid on items to give as gifts. The event has helped the center raise funds over the years to help with their food delivery program. The center tries to deliver meals to those who are shut-ins or unable to get out very often.

Saturday afternoon the annual Clay City Christmas Parade was held as well. Several different floats than were in the Stanton parade the night before participated, along with others who had. The band put on another great performance.

Three men dressed in red suits were in the parade. One was part of a church float and another rode a motorcycle. But the "jolly old elf" made his regular entrance into Clay City on top of a Clay City fire truck, much to the liking and smiles of the many kids who were waiting for him.

A few more events will be held before Christmas officially arrives. Several churches will be holding their Christmas plays and Morgan Hughes' Melody Makers will put on their Second Annual Christmas Show on Dec. 16 at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

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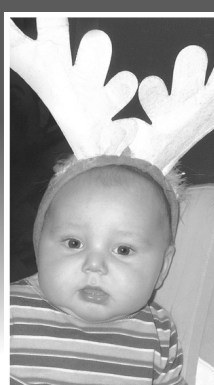
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Editorial

Last weekend proved just how much we can do to help others

Last weekend was quite a sight to see in Powell County. One that we hope will become the norm for our hometown. We got to see the community pull together to make good things happen.

This county has always pulled together during times of crisis or disaster to help each other. But last weekend was different. It was a time that various groups and people from all walks of life, came together to make things wonderful and happy, at least just for the weekend.

The Kiwanis Winterfest Parade last Friday , a first for the City of Stanton, though small was quite a success. Kids of all ages enjoyed seeing the floats, getting candy tossed at their feet and seeing Old Saint Nick ride by in a horse drawn carriage, waving and smiling at each man, woman and especially the children.

The same feeling was felt on Saturday in Clay City as their annual Christmas Parade made its way down Main Street. The beautiful weather and the many floats helped to make the day another wonderful event.

The Christmas Tea held at the high school to help the Art Club and FBLA was another occasion where coming together for fun, food and fellowship was the goal was another opportunity for our community to show the closeness and the meaning of the season. That meaning is giving to others, serving others and doing so humbly.

The Senior Citizen's Center held their annual bazaar to raise money to help the Meals on Wheels Program. It is a program so desperately needed in today's economy. The people who visited the bazaar did more than find a few trinkets or Christmas gifts that day. They helped to take care of one of the basic needs many of our older generation needs. It was a chance to give back to those who have given much over a lifetime and many answered the call.

Of course the Cops & Kids Concert was the climax of the weekend. The local FOP Chapter has been raising money year after year to help take kids in need shopping for Christmas. We have seen first hand how the kids eyes light up and for some it may be the only thing they get for Christmas.

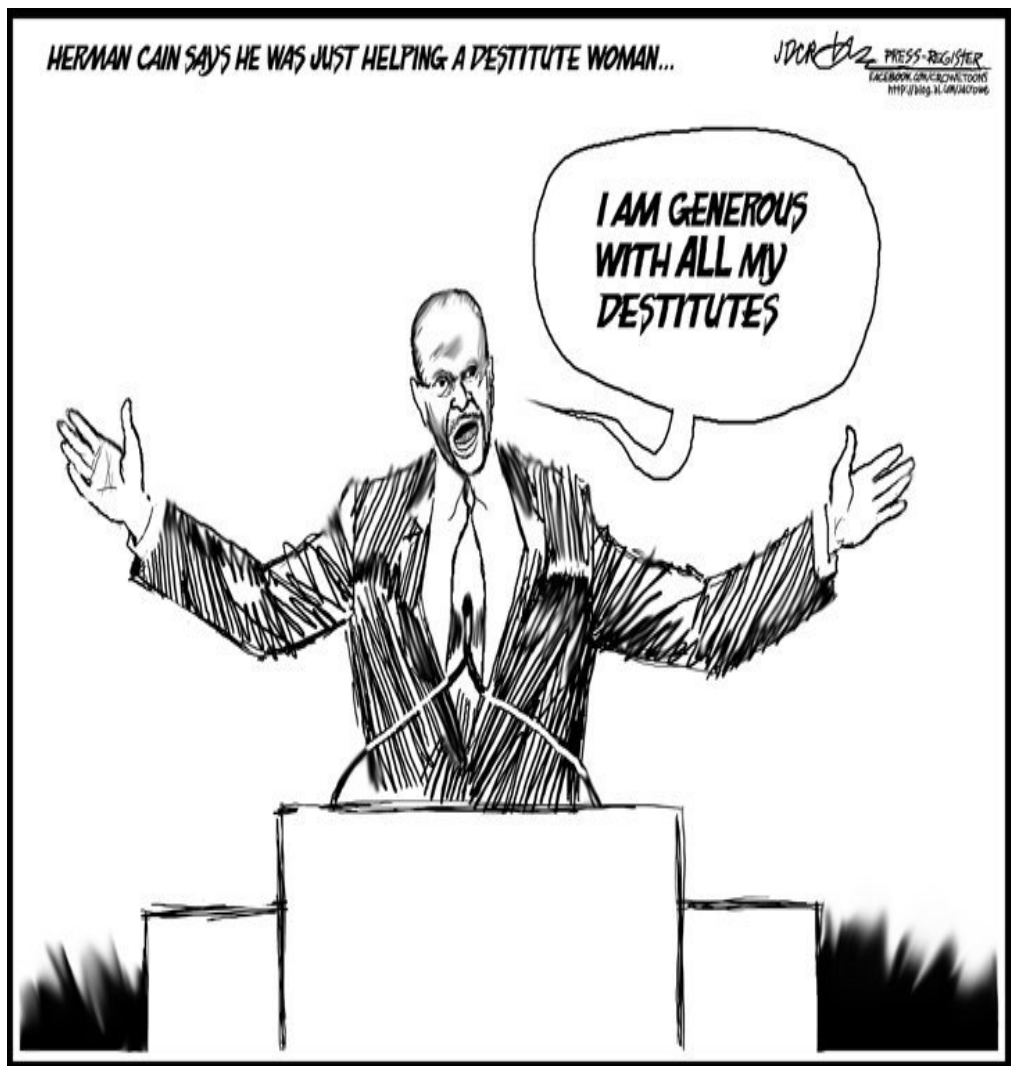
This year the FOP took on a big initiative. They wanted to not only help at Christmas, but they wanted to help all year long. The thought is that they come across kids and families in need of assistance all the time. If they could help them and be a positive influence then maybe, just maybe, some of the problems like crime and drugs could be eradicated early as kids learn to trust police and to realize people do care and want to help.

The concert was nearly a sell out and was an awesome show. We have to tip our hats to the performers, who were not paid, according to FOP sources, to be here. They performed merely because they wanted to help.

We, on behalf of a grateful community, also want to thank Allison Krauss, who is an amazingly sweet person with a big heart, Dan Tyminski, J.D. Crowe and the New South and Drawing Nigh for providing the entertainment. We want to thank Sarah and Ricky Wasson for helping to organize such a concert and we want to thank the FOP and every volunteer who helped make it possible. More importantly we want to thank you, this community, for giving and helping, without you none of it would have been possible.

Now as Christmas approaches let us, as a community, not forget this awesome feeling of how we came together to help so many who need it, or forget the fun last weekend was. Let us instead strive to make sure that Christmas spirit or good feeling, or whatever you wish to call it, stays in our collective hearts all year long.

Powell County may have some problems. But we have a lot of good things too and last weekend proved what we can do together. It will be that togetherness that will enable us to defeat the daily problems that try to steal our joy in calling Powell County our home. Never give up that feeling.



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LETTERS To The Editor

Thanks to all who made Concert a success

Dear Editor,

Acts of kindness are very hard to find in our society today. Fortunately we live in an area where people are kind and have big hearts. This past weekend was a fine example of our community coming together with big hearts and the efforts paid off...BIG. Cops for Kids concert was a success!

This past Saturday night, I witnessed an amazing concert beginning with some of Powell County's finest musicians and singers. Drawing Nigh was wonderful and I enjoyed listening to and even joining in with spiritual hymns and good ole gospel music. After that came J.D. Crowe and New South with our very own Rickey Wasson. What amazing gifts these guys have and to share them with us was just wonderful.

That would have been enough right there to have made the evening special. However, we were honored to have with us Alison Krauss and Dan Tyminski. The music filled the night and we sat and soaked it all in. We didn't have to travel to Lexington, Louisville or any other large venue. This was right here in Powell County.

Words can't express all that needs to be said about everyone involved from the FOP to the student volunteers. Many volunteers gave of their time; too many to mention with fear of someone being left out. But this just didn't happen. Someone had a vision and ran with it. It took months of planning, preparing, and praying. But there is one special lady who made this night happen and very successfully I might add.

So, on behalf of our community, I just want to say thank you to Sarah Wasson for all of your hard work and dedication not only to this project, but to all of our children in this community. Your heart is bigger than anyone I know. The night was amazing and the children of our community will glean from this night for a very long time. Matthew 25:40 states "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Sarah, you are appreciated more than you know.

Thank You!
Dana Estep
Stanton

Community should be proud

Letter to the Editor:
As a lifelong resident of Powell County I have come

to know about the things that make our community so extraordinary. After this weekend's Winterfest activities I feel as if I have experienced what is meant when they say it takes a village.

If you did not get to attend any of the events this past weekend then you truly missed the talent, passion and commitment our community holds. The laughter at the parade, the fellowship at the Christmas Tea and the joyous sounds of music still rings in Powell County today.

The work by countless volunteers showed with the planning and organization of the events and their very existence. The help of civic groups, schools, churches, businesses, youth and countless individuals showed their love and commitment. The thousands of hours, dollars and sacrifices help make them memorable events.

At the risk of leaving someone out it is difficult to thank all the participants. It is much simpler to just say that Powell County displayed a face that was professional, talented, competent and caring in every facet of this weekend. I have spoken to several individuals that live outside of our community that attended the events this weekend. Their excitement and amazement of our love and compassion was the most impressive part of what they saw.

So many times we judge ourselves more harshly without realizing that we are all trying to accomplish the same thing, a better quality of life in Powell County. So, the next time you hear someone complaining about our so-called problems, remember the Kiwanis and Clay City Parades, the Art/FBLA Christmas Tea, or the Cops and Kids Concert. Think about the wonderful people that live, work and thrive in Powell County and thank God we are surrounded by such wonderful people who are proud of our community and call it home.

There is no question in my mind that we exceeded everyone's expectations this past weekend and we can continue to do that in the future by striving to make Powell County better tomorrow than it is today.

Proud to be a Powell Countian,
Darrell Billings
Stanton

Reader wants to make amends

Letter to the Editor:
To the residents of Powell County: My name is

Hazel Kirby. I am currently an inmate at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex. I am currently incarcerated for trafficking (TICS).

This letter is a letter of apology to my family, my children, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, all the families that I have hurt or have helped contribute to your pain through addiction. This community needs to come together to stop this epidemic.

Many days I wanted to get sober, but didn't know how. I just wanted someone who understood me that wouldn't judge me. When I was arrested on April 20, 2011 I had been sober for 163 days. Through faith, prayer, and the Lord I am a better person today.

I'm currently serving an 8.5 year sentence, which is the only time I have ever been in trouble. Through all of this I have lost my husband and my children, but I have begun to gain my self-respect. I'm learning to depend on the Lord and have faith. My goal upon release is to go back to school to help other addicts and to help get more funding for programs for women.

Again I am truly sorry for any pain I have caused the families of Powell County.

Respectfully,
Hazel Kirby
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Henderson prepares for upcoming General Assembly

I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Preparations are well underway for the Christmas season for most people. I hope those who are able will remember the less fortunate this Christmas. The economy is getting better, but there are still many without jobs who are struggling. It is saddening to think of any child doing without on Christmas, but many will without the help of others. This is what the Christmas spirit is about after all, so please help out if you can.

The 2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly is also right around the corner. It is scheduled to begin on January 3 and will last 60 days. The session will conclude on April 9.

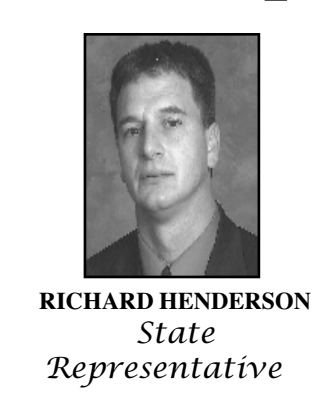
One bill which I have pre-filed that I am hopeful about is BR 111, commonly known as "Caylee's Law." I pre-filed this bill after the tragedy involving two year old Caylee

Marie Anthony. This bill would make it a felony for parents/guardians not reporting a child 12 and under who has been missing more than 12 hours.

While this law may not stop parents from failing to report a missing or deceased child, it would create an avenue to prosecute them, an option that wasn't available in Florida when Casey Anthony failed to notify authorities about Caylee's disappearance.

I filed this bill not only because it could save a child's life or help prosecute someone who has harmed an innocent child, but also in response to the vast public outcry. I heard from so many constituents that something must be done that I felt it was my responsibility as your Representative to file this bill.

I also responded to the voices of those I represent by killing a bill I had pre-filed that would have targeting metal theft. I originally filed this bill in



RICHARD HENDERSON
State Representative

response to the growing number of copper thefts which left home owners struggling to repair or purchase new heating and air units that were destroyed when robbers striped the units of copper.

Under the bill, metal recyclers would have been required to register with the Kentucky State Police, pay a \$200 registration fee and would have been prohibited from buying metal from someone who does not have a valid permit to sell it.

The bill would have also required anyone

who wanted to sell metal to obtain a \$50 permit from the county sheriff. Furthermore, anyone violating the new standards would face stiffer criminal penalties.

My intent was to deter the theft of metal and to punish those who steal. However, after learning from so many constituents of the possible negative effects this would have on honest citizens simply trying to make a living, I decided to pull this bill. While something does need to be done to deter the thefts, this bill was not the solution.

My job is to represent those whom I serve, and I will always do my best to listen and respond to your concerns. Be it public support or opposition, I will listen and respond accordingly. Please, always feel free to voice your opinions and concerns.

I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed to the budget committee on the agri-

culture transition team. With this appointment two fellow Democratic Representatives and I will be aiding in the transition for our new Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer. Mr. Comer is a six term Republican Representative from Tompkinsville and a beef cattle farmer. I have worked alongside Mr. Comer for six years in the House of Representatives and think he will be a very capable Commissioner of Agriculture.

I am excited about this position partially because, along with my position as Vice Chair on the House Agriculture & Small Business committee, I will be in an excellent position to aid in the funding and development of the agricultural industry. I have worked extensively with creating budgets and I hope this experience will be useful in this position.

I am on the Budget Sub Committee for Transportation, the

Appropriations and Revenue Committee and established a budget as Mayor of Jeffersonville.

I am also excited because it will allow me the opportunity to work across party lines to better Agricultural policy and legislation. It is my hope that those in Washington DC and Frankfort will soon take notice that much more can be accomplished for the public good if the parties work together rather than constantly battling each other.

You can reach me in Frankfort at (502) 564-8100 Ext. 642. My office staff is very knowledgeable and will be glad to help with any general questions. They will also take a message that is sure to get to me. I can also be reached at (859)585-0886 or you can e-mail me at: rooster152000@yahoo.com .

Guest Column: Beware of web scams this holiday season

By JACK CONWAY
Ky. Attorney General

If you are among the growing number of consumers turning to smartphones, tablets and computers to do their holiday shopping, make sure you protect yourself against Internet scammers.

As you're searching the web for that perfect gift, scam artists are working overtime to find new ways to steal your money, your personal information and even your identity. The following tips from my Office of Consumer Protection and the Federal Trade Commission can help ensure that you don't become a victim this holiday season.

- Only do business with companies you know and trust and that offer secure payment processing. Look for websites that start with https, (the "s" stands for secure).
- Never do business with someone who insists that you wire money. That is a sure sign that the transaction is fraudulent.
- Beware of contacts made on "for sale" listing sites or auction sites that require you to wire money instead of using a secure payment processor.
- Using search engines, type in a company or product name along with terms like "review," "complaint" or "scam" to find out more about it.
- Decide how to pay. When you shop online,

credit cards can offer extra precautions.

- For hassle-free online shopping, keep records like e-mails and online receipts in case there is a problem.
- Beware of purchasing gift cards from auction sites or classified ads as the card can be bogus.
- Keep personal information private. Don't disclose your address,

telephone number, Social Security number or bank account information unless you know who is collecting the information and how they plan to use it.

- Beware of bogus charitable pleas. Donate to charities you know and trust and ask if the charity is registered with the Office of the Attorney General.

- Do not respond to unsolicited (spam) email.

Seasonal Phishing Scams

Consumers should be leery of seasonal phishing scams and malware campaigns that can include online shopping advertisements, credit card applications, electronic greeting cards and requests for charity

contributions. These emails can contain a potential virus or malware that can detect passwords or sensitive data.

If you have been a victim of a scam or identity theft, help is available by calling my Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-432-9257 or by visiting <http://ag.ky.gov/civil/consumerprotection/>.

We're doing all we can here in the Office of the Attorney General to protect Kentucky consumers from scam artists and identity theft. By following the above steps, you can help us in this effort. Working together, we can ensure a safe and happy holiday season for all Kentucky consumers.

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OBITUARIES

Gregory Payne, 41

Gregory Alan Payne, 41, of Clay City, formerly of Richmond, passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. He was born in Madison County on Oct. 29, 1970, the son of Rev. Dale and Darlene Rose Payne. He was a construction worker, was a member of the Church of God and attended the Mt. Parkway Church of God in Clay City.

Survivors include his wife, Melissa “Missy” Todd Payne; his parents: Rev. Dale and Darlene Rose Payne; two sons: Jordan Alan Payne and Jalen Everett Lee Payne; his daughter: Lauren Faith Payne. He is also survived by several uncles, aunts, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gregory is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Henry and Margaret Payne, maternal grandparents Albin and Thelma Welch and an Uncle Rickie Payne.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at The Richmond House of Prayer, 330 Mule Shed Lane, Richmond, with Rev. Owen Moody and Rev. Ray Bowen officiating. Burial followed at Madison County Memorial Gardens.

The Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home of Richmond is in charge of the arrangements. www.cpcfhome.com

Mary Thompson, 87

Mary C. Thompson, 87, of Clay City, passed away on Nov. 29, 2011 at her residence. She was born in Bedford, VA to the late Thomas Clark Powers and Lillian Preston Doss Powers and she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was formerly of Roanoke, VA where she was a factory employee of Stone Printing Company. Surviving relatives include her one son, William Clark (Leona) Thompson of Roanoke, VA; seven daughters: Virgie (Danny) Church of Clay City, Darlene Sue (Sherman) Robertson of Rocky Mount, VA, Lillian (John Marvin) DeLong of Hardy, VA, Betty Irene Thomas, MaryAlice Blankenbeckler, Barbara Beard, and Patsy (Bob) Sloan all of Roanoke, VA.

Ms. Thompson is also survived by 25 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren and 20 great-great grandchil-



dren.

There was a memorial service on Monday, Dec. 5, 2011 at Calvary Baptist Church, Clay City. A celebration of her life will be held in Roanoke, VA at a later date. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc. www.hearnefuneralhome.com

June Watkins, 61

June Edith Watkins, 61, of Jeffersonville, died Saturday morning, Dec. 3, 2011 at her residence. She was born June 22, 1950 in Jackson, Michigan to the late Durward and Leawanna Taylor.

June moved to Jeffersonville 32 years ago from Michigan, she retired from Walmart where she worked in the bakery department and is a member at Black Creek Holiness Church.

Survivors include three sons, Russell Watkins (Donna) of Clay City, Randell Watkins of Jeffersonville and David Watkins (Michelle) of Clay City; one brother, Lee Taylor (Pat) of Tennessee; two sisters, Laura Miller (Forrest) of Michigan and Juanita Brix (Rusty) of Michigan and seven grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Joe Watkins.

A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Black Creek Holiness Church in Powell County with Rev. Herbert Barnett officiating. Guestbook: coffmanmortuaryparlor.com. Arrangements under the direct care of Coffman Mortuary Parlor.

Opal Watson, 88

Opal Drettia McCoy Watson, 88, 1104 South Fork Road, widow of Walter James Watson, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Stanton Nursing Center. She was born March 18, 1923 in Powell County to the late Roy and Gracie Brandenburg McCoy. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hatton Creek Church of God.



Survivors include, sons, Lloyd Burl “Jackie” and wife, Kathy Watson, Stanton and Dueville Ray and wife, Joyce Watson, Winchester; daughters, Bernice and husband, Amos Flowers, Georgia, Reva and husband, Skip Sinclair, Florida, Lavenuia “Penny” and husband Ron Friend, Stanton, Jeanetta

and husband, Dale Phillips, Berea, and Trevia and husband, Donnie Hensley, Cynthia; daughter-in-law, Ruby Waston; sisters, Eva Morton, Jeffersonville and Zannie McCoy, Stanton; 22 grandchildren and several great and great great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter James Watson and son, Billy Lawrence Watson.

Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Wells Funeral Home, Stanton by Rev. Anthony Molihan and Rev. Garland Lacy. Burial was in Watson Cemetery, Stanton with grandchildren serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Thelma Snowden, Ed Rogers, Gale Means, Eugene Reed, Ollie Ray Bellamy, Roy and Jean Adams, Patsy Powell and the staff of Stanton Nursing Center.

Charles White, 53

Charles Woodford “Chuck” White, Jr., 53, husband of Connie Dixon White, of 635 Millstone Road, Clay City, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 at the Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

Born in Louisville, he was the son of Mary Ann Anderson White and the late Charles Woodford White, Sr. of Mt. Sterling. He was a member of the Mt. Sterling First Christian Church and a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in agriculture. Chuck was a federal government employee with the United States Department of Agriculture in the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Other surviving relatives are his two children Mark Clay (Tara) White of Mt. Sterling and Mary Lynne White of Lexington, KY; three stepchildren: Greg (Paula) Begley and

Jessica (Nathan) Hall both of Clay City and Nikki (Bobby) Jackson of Vancouver, WA; four grandchildren: Teagan White, Jackson and Samuel Hall and McKenzie Jackson and his mother-in-law, Betty Dixon of Irvine.

Funeral services officiated by Rev. Sam Miller and Rev. Billy Bingham were held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at Hearne Funeral Home, Inc Stanton. Interment followed in Stonegate Cemetery, Stanton, with Nathan Hall, Greg Begley, James Anderson, Jr., Ryan Anderson, Lonnie Dale Anderson, Jr. and Mike Conley serving as pallbearers. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc. www.hearnefuneralhome.com



CHURCH NEWS

Cook Books

The West Bend First Church of God Missionary Ladies has cook books to sell. The books contain 450 recipes and are \$15 each. Proceeds go to help finish the church fellowship hall. If you are interested contact Kathy at 859-749-9321 or stop by the Rednour and Associates office and pick one up.

Prayer Task Force Schedule

The Powell County Christians United Against Drugs (PCCUAD) Prayer Task Force will meet this Saturday morning at the Stanton Baptist Church. The meetings will be held at the Stanton Presbyterian

Church located next door to the Powell County Health Department on Main Street. This meeting is for all Christians to come and pray together. We name our prayer concerns, pray and leave. Do you have one hour for God? You will be blessed, everyone welcome! The prayer service starts at 9 a.m.

Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer or need to leave a prayer request, call (606) 663-6172 or (606) 663-6385.

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State bridge repairs coming

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has awarded three contracts totaling more than \$645,000 for three highway projects impacting two counties in the Department of Highways District 10.

Contracts awarded as part of the October 2011 letting are:

- A \$228,115.01 contract for bridge deck restoration and waterproofing of the bridge carrying the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway over Johnson Fork and County Route 1155 at milepoint 63 in Morgan County. M&M Services Co., Inc. was the successful bidder. The project is to be completed by Nov. 15, 2012.
- A \$194,602.69 contract for bridge deck restoration and waterproofing of the bridge carrying Brush Creek Road over the Mountain Parkway

in Powell County. M&M Services Co. was the successful bidder. The project is to be completed by Nov. 15, 2012.

- A \$223,054.50 contract for bridge deck restoration and waterproofing of the bridge for the eastbound lanes of the Mountain Parkway one mile west of the Slade interchange near milepoint 32 in Powell County. Mid-America Bridge Co., Inc. was the successful bidder. The project is to be completed by Nov. 15, 2012.

The Department of Highways District 10 consists of 10 counties – Breathitt, Estill, Lee, Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell and Wolfe – in east-central and south-eastern Kentucky. The district office is located in Jackson.

Construction activities

are scheduled on a tentative basis and are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to “Drive Smart” in work zones and be aware of workers, traffic control devices and construction equipment when traveling in areas where projects are ongoing.

Significant traffic impacts resulting from construction and maintenance projects are posted on District 10’s Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict10>) and also on the district’s Twitter feed (<http://www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict10>). Drivers can check these sites prior to traveling to determine if there will be traffic delays for which they should be prepared.

KSP to have safety checkpoints at any time, especially as holidays approach

Captain Bobby Murray, Commander of the Kentucky State Police at Morehead announces that Troopers of the Morehead Post will be conducting Safety Checkpoints in addition to Moving Patrols throughout the Post 8 area during the

entire month as well the remainder of the year 2011.

This Concentrated Enforcement Effort will utilize Troopers and Detectives assigned to and working the Morehead post area. Members of the Commercial Vehicle

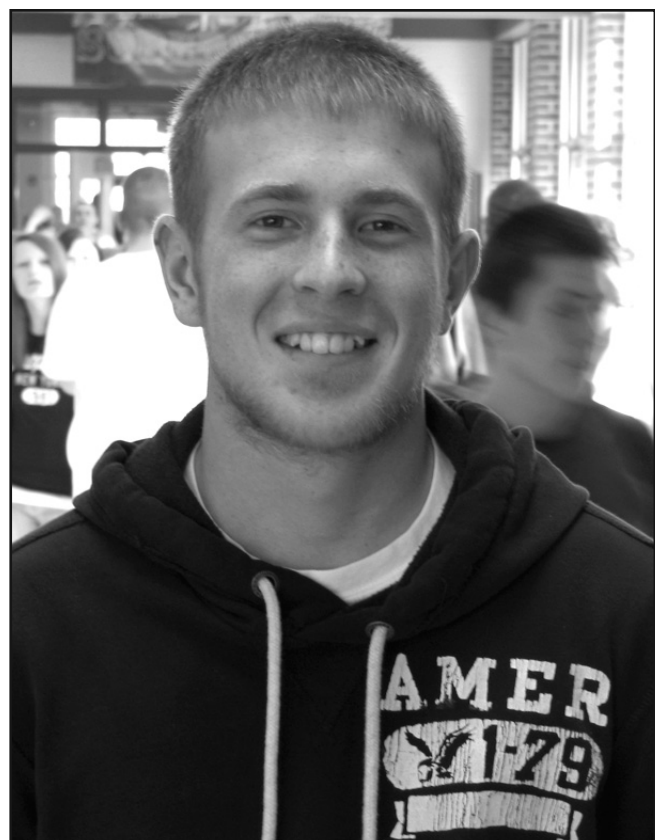
Enforcement (CVE) will also be utilized. Emphasis will focus on enforcing violations of Speeding, No Seat belt, Child Restraint, Impaired Driving Laws, and Texting While Driving, as well as other violations of the Traffic Laws of Kentucky.



Photo courtesy of Patricia Burton

Several members of Powell County’s local FOP Chapter had their picture taken with Allison Krauss, J.D. Crowe and Dan Tyminski after the Cops & Kids Concert last Saturday night. The money raised will not only help the annual shopping trip with kids, but will also help the FOP to help kids in need all year long.

PCHS Student of the Week



Jimmy Combs

Jimmy Combs is this week’s PTO Student of the Week at Powell County High School. He is the son of Jimmy and Susie Combs of Clay City.

Jimmy has been a member of the high school golf team for four years and has qualified for the state tournament two times. As a sophomore, he qualified as a team member, and this year he qualified as an individual. In addition to golf, he is the president of the Pep Club, and is also a member of the Beta Club, Spanish Club, and Future Business Leaders of America.

Hanging out with friends and having fun at ballgames are two things that Jimmy most enjoys about being a student at PCHS. He appreciates the efforts

made by of all of his teachers, but in particular his golf coach and friend, Kevin Lawson, his math teacher, Holly Teasley for helping him survive College Algebra, and his Social Studies teacher James Clapp for having such great haircuts.

Jimmy was nominated for PTO Student of the Week by Ms. Teasley.

In the future, Jimmy plans to attend Morehead

State University, major in biology, and play golf.

Student of the Week is a program sponsored by the PTO and recognizes students who are role models in the areas of study, effort, cooperation, and attitude. Other students nominated this week include Robert Coates, Trevor Faw, Jeremiah Gilbert, Gabby Martin, Jacob McCoy, and Maylonia Pittman.

KSP looking to top last year's record in 'Cram the Cruiser' food drive

Captain Bobby D. Murraray of the Kentucky State Police Post 8, Morehead announces this years “Cram the Cruiser.” From Nov. 28 until Dec. 12, a designated cruiser will be parked in the front parking lot at Post 8 to collect non-perishable food items.

During the 2010 campaign, the Kentucky State Police collected 21,586

pounds of food of which Post 8 collected 3,154 pounds.

This year Post 8 would like to see the 11 counties within its jurisdiction make an impact to improve last years totals. The collected food items will be distributed by the Kentucky State Police to local pantries and shelters.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AmVets Meeting

AmVets Post 67, Clay City, monthly meeting, the first Sunday every month at 2 p.m.. The January meeting will be Jan. 8. Pick 'n Grin, Bluegrass music free every Friday night! Bingo every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Little League Softball

Powell County Little League would like to announce it will be holding a meeting on Sunday December the 11th at 2 p.m. in the Powell County Middle School cafeteria. We ask that anyone that would like to volunteer to help with the Spring season to attend. We ask that all board members and all coaches from last season attend. If you have any questions you can contact Jim at 663-2262 or Arlene at 663-6087

DAV Meeting

The next Powell County DAV Chapter #103 regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8 (the second Thursday of the month) at 30 Bright Street in Stanton at 6 p.m. "Building better lives for America's Disabled Veterans." Visit us online at our Powell County DAV Chapter #103 website at www.dav.org. No password needed, any citizen can view it.

DAV Service Officer Available

On Friday, Dec. 16 a DAV Service Officer will be at the Powell County DAV Office on Bright Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help veterans and family members with Veteran Disability compensation/pension claims

at the DAV office. New claims need to bring DD214, if married bring copy of marriage license, driver's license, spouse's SS# and birth date, copy of child's SS# and birth certificate (if under age 18), direct deposit slip for your bank account, copies of medical reports of visits to doctors, hospital reports of test etc., any reports in support of your VA Claim. For more information call Joe Neal at (606) 663-5895.

Red River Historical Society

The Red River Historical Society will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Clay City Municipal Building. It will be a pot luck dinner. Following the meal, Connie White's singing group, Three Queens and a Jack, will entertain with Christmas music.

Christmas Concert

The CC Singers will be having a Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at Clay City Elementary. Local singers Jessica Begley Hall and Brooke Foster will also be performing. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for Relay for Life. There will also be food for sale and basket auctions. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. For more information, please contact Jimmy Crase at 606-481-1307.

Gift Wrapping Services

The Licking River Riders 4-H Drill Team will be offering child care and gift wrapping services on Wednesday,

Dec. 14 and Wednesday Dec. 21 from 7-10 p.m. at the Jeffersonville Community Center. Take the time to do some last minute Christmas shopping, decorating or just a much needed dinner out. We will have a certified teacher on staff & lots of fun for the kids!! Price is \$15/child and \$3/present. Call Robin Little 859-585-0758 or Jenna Ratliff 859-585-4656 for more information or to sign up.

Autism Support Group Meeting

The Powell County Parents and Professionals Autism Support Group will meet Monday, Dec. 12 from 4-5:30 pm at the Powell County Middle School. Our presenter is Shelli Deskins, Ph D., Dir. of Highlands Center for Autism. Highlands is a private year round education center for children with autism located in Prestonsburg, KY. Dr. Deskins will share Highland's start up history, student successes, and the Center's use of ABA (Acquired Behavior Therapy) to improve the lives of children with autism. Our meetings are always open to the public. Childcare is not available but children are welcome to attend. Contacts: Mary Davis-Shepherd, PCMS Resource Director, 663-3308. Marilyn Barnett, 663-2854. Professional development available: one and half hours.

Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by mem-



Times Photo by Kayla Mays

No that's not Thelma and Louise, it is PCMS Principal Virginia Todd and PCMS Youth Service Center Director Mary Davis accepting a check from a member of a motorcycle ride group that holds rides to collect money for different charities. The Montgomery County based club chose to help the PCMS Angel Tree, which allows members of the community and the schools to help get necessary items that kids have asked for this Christmas. Ride on ladies, ride on . . .

bers of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the office in Slade (behind the red caboose). For more information call 606-663-1161.

Friends of PC Pets Meetings

Friends of Powell County's Pets hold their monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Powell County Public Library. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer or foster, please stop by.

Brianna's Sanctuary Meetings

Brianna's Sanctuary & Rescue monthly meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on the second Friday of each month, at the Powell County Public Library. If you would like to volunteer or find out the requirements for foster-

ing, come by and join us. For questions call (606) 663-2353 or (859) 576-4846.

Berea Clinic

Berea Health Ministry has new hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Berea Health Ministry Clinic in Berea provides medical care for you. If you have no health insurance or have lost your job, call the clinic (859) 986-1274 for an appointment. We are here to serve you.

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The holidays are upon us. It is a time of family and friends, hot cocoa, and cookies, firelight and brightly lit trees, big bows and wrapping paper. Unfortunately, it can also be a time when we try to do too much and end up stressed and exhausted.

If you have already been hard at work and are felling stressed, here are some ways that you could relieve your stress this holiday season:

- Volunteer – taking the time to help out at a local church or community center is a great way to relieve stress. Helping out others is a way to really see what the holiday spirit is all about and spread feelings of kindness to others.

- Eat Right – During the holidays there is a tendency to eat foods that we might not normally eat. We may also pick up a lot of processed foods because it is nice and easy. But we will feel better, and it is better for our bodies, if we eat simple and wholesome foods. Try a new recipe of if you do not have a lot of time, find some quick and easy meal ideas.

- Exercise – Exercise and physical activity are great ways to keep your stress level down. Find a little bit of time, at least

Don't let stress ruin the holidays

10 minutes 3 times a day for 30 minutes total, and get moving. You will be amazed how much energy you feel like you have after a little physical activity.

- Stop worrying – There are many things that we worry about that we have no control over. Try to let go of worries that you cannot control. Instead focus on things in which you can find a solution.

- Get some rest – It is easy to stay up later than normal to get everything done on our list of “to-do’s,” but it is important to get your rest. If you have been off your normal schedule you can get run down, try to get back on your normal sleeping patterns. It is recommended that adults get at least 8 hours of sleep a night.

- Do something special for you – Treat yourself to a little something that you would not normally do for yourself.

- Limit alcohol – If you drink alcohol, limit how much you are consuming. It is easy to drink too much when you are distracted. It is recommended that women drink no more than 1 serving in a sitting and men should drink no more than 2 servings in a sitting.

Take a deep breath and follow some of these tips for easing your stress during the holidays:

- Avoid packing your schedule – If you look at your calendar and there is something to do every single night you may feel

overwhelmed. Do things in moderation. If you have too many activities, you lose some of the simple joy that comes with the season.

- Spend wisely – Many places will be having sales and it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy. Take the time to determine what you can spend without putting yourself into debt. It makes it easier to make a list of the gifts that you want to get the people on your gift list.

- Use credit wisely- If you have to use a credit card for purchases, try to only use one card. Also try to charge as little as possible so that you can pay it off quickly.

- Thoughtful gifts – The best gifts are not always the ones with the biggest price. Are you talented with a sewing machine or other craft? Gifts that are handmade are often treasured for years to come.

- Spend time – Spending time with your family and loved ones is the best gift of all! Spend time with your family talking, playing and just being together.

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Playing for the kids . . .

Times Photo by James Cook

Powell County's own Ricky Wasson (left) played a classic Bluegrass song with J.D. Crowe and the New South last Saturday at the Cops & Kids Concert. Thanks to Wasson's friendships with Crowe and people like Allison Krauss, the concert was quite successful in helping the FOP raise money to help Powell County kids during the holidays and all year long.

Mr. Powell County pageant set



VALERIE STEWART
County 4H Agent

The Powell County 4-H Teen Club would like to invite everyone in Powell County to check out what they believe will prove to be the “FUNNIEST SHOW IN TOWN” this weekend – the MR.

POWELL COUNTY Comedy Pageant.

This Teen Club Fundraiser will be held this Saturday night, Dec. 10 at the Powell County Middle School Gym at 6 p.m. We have men from all over Powell County competing for this title.

Local politicians, state politicians, businessmen, community members and even a few daring teens who plan to get all dolled up and compete in casual wear, evening wear and talent divisions. You will not want to miss this show and try to guess the identity of our pretty competitors.

To quote Oscar Wilde, “Life is too important to be taken seriously!”

so stop by the middle school this weekend for this event, laugh until it hurts, see a completely non-serious side of these Powell County men and help support the wonderful efforts of our 4-H Teen Club.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Powell County 4-H Teen Club. Powell County 4-H is one of those organizations that has no administrative costs and every dime benefits the children in Powell County.

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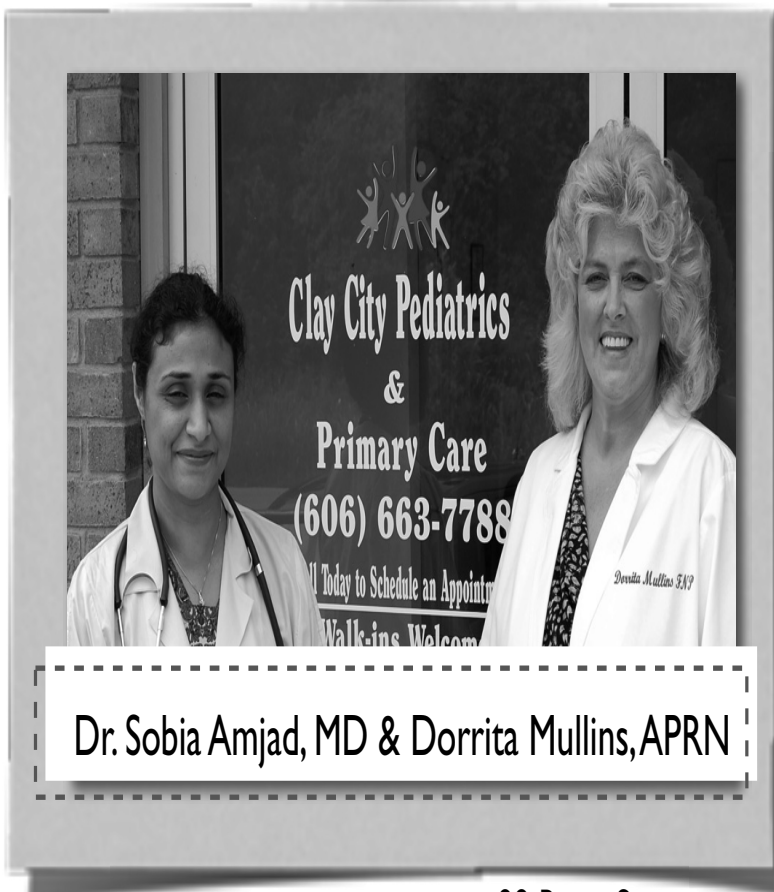


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Pirates top Jackson City, fall to PCC and Magoffin

By
GREG MCINTOSH
Times Sportswriter

The Powell County Boys Basketball Pirates under Coach Brian Hall embarked on the 2011 part of the season last week. The Pirates this year are looking to build upon the winning season from a year ago and give the Pirate fans some excitement along the way.

The season began last Tuesday night at home with the visiting Jackson City Tigers. Powell jumped out to a quick lead on the Tigers and carried the lead to the end of the first quarter, leading 24 - 14. The Pirates allowed Jackson City to cut the lead down to six points but ended the half with a flurry to lead 43 - 29 at halftime. The outside shooting of Trey

Marcum and the inside play of Zach Dennis and Jacob Connor helped the Pirates to the big half-time lead.

The third quarter saw Jackson City out scored the Pirates by two points to whittle the lead down to 12 points at the end of the third quarter. Powell began the final quarter scoring the first eight points and never looked back as the Pirates won the season opener 81 - 56 over Jackson City. Powell was lead in scoring by Trey Marcum with 27 points and Zach Dennis with 14 points. Matt Pelfrey added 10 points, Jacob Conner chipped in seven points and John Hubbard scored seven points off the bench for the victorious Pirates.

Last Wednesday the Pirates traveled to Perry Central to take on the Commodores in the Coaches vs. Cancer



Classic. Perry Central is the preseason number one team in the 14th Region. The Pirates knew they had to play a great game to stay with the Commodores. The Pirates were able to stay close to Perry in the first half and surprised the crowd only trailing 31 - 28 at halftime to the highly

ranked Commodores. The Pirates and Coach Hall had visions of an early season upset in their heads going into the second half.

Perry Central came out hot in the third quarter and the Pirates went cold as the upset bid began to go out the window. Powell kept the

game close until the end of the quarter when the Commodores put the game out of reach. Perry Central went on to defeat the Pirates 71 - 49 in a game that was much closer than the final score. Trey Marcum lead Powell with 17 points and Matt Pelfrey scored 15 points for the Pirates. Brett Goodwin chipped in 5 points off the bench for the Pirates.

Last Friday Night the Pirates were on the road in Salyersville to face the Magoffin County Hornets, always a tough place to play. The Pirates jumped out to quick lead and enjoyed a 16 - 12 lead after one quarter. Magoffin would come back and take the lead midway through the second quarter. The lead changed hands back and forth with the Hornets leading 29 - 28 at halftime.

The third quarter was close as well with both

teams playing hard. Magoffin managed to increase their lead to three points at the end of the third quarter. Powell came out hot in the final quarter and lead by two points with only 1:16 left in the game. But a missed shot inside and a basket by the Hornets tied the game. Powell was unable to score and Magoffin added final free throws to win 64 - 62 over the Pirates.

Powell ended the first week with a 1 - 2 record. The Pirates were in action Tuesday night in Owsley County. Powell will be in action Saturday night in Bourbon County in the Kentucky Bank Shootout. Powell will play the host Bourbon County Colonels.

Lady Pirates open season beating Bath

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

The Powell County Lady Pirates tipped off their season last Thursday night as they traveled to Owingsville to play the Bath County Lady Wildcats. After a slow start hat could be contributed to it being the first game, Powell rolled easily, 61-44.

The Lady Pirates seemed a little out of sync as regular starter Nikki Wells was on the bench after suffering from a reported case of strep throat for several days.

Seventh grader Shalyan Lindon got the starting nod at point guard. The Lady Wildcats tried to jump on that edge early, but Powell caught fire. Powell led 12-5 after the first quarter.

Wells entered the game in the second quarter and Powell's small, quick pressure defense forced several turnovers in the period. At one point Powell scored eight straight points on consecutive steals by Wells and Stephanie Knox. The Lady Pirates blew the game open, outscoring their hosts 25-8 in the second frame to take a 37-13 halftime lead.

Bath did try to mount a comeback as Powell used several substitutions in the second half. But the lead was too much for the Lady Wildcats to overcome. Powell won easily, 61-44.

"A good start to the season, winning on the road by a good margin," Powell Coach Ken Jones said after the game. "I thought the difference was our advantage on the boards with 34 rebounds to Bath's 20 and our defense forcing them into 30 turnovers for the night. If we can build on this, keep working hard and improving, we'll have a good year."

Powell hosted Magoffin County on Monday and then will host Nicholas County on Saturday. JV action begins at 6 p.m. and varsity play will tip-off at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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Bouncy curls and baton twirls



By SARAH BLOOM
Times Lifestyle
Columnist

Memories are funny but precious things. Good or bad they are the pages of your life. I am always amazed at how they sneak into your thoughts at the strangest times, in the oddest of situations, and evoke a sentimental journey.

This was the case Friday evening as I stood with my boys watching the Christmas parade.

My four year old, Cole, had quickly spotted Santa Claus leading the way and began to frantically wave his little arm, stretching it as far as he could in the hopes that the Jolly Old Elf would see him. Witnessing his joy and youthfulness was such a blessing to me. After all, second to the celebration of the birth of Jesus, children are what the season is all about.

Standing there on that side walk, taking in a Christmas parade in the coolness of the evening brought back to me the memories of another such event many years in the past.

When I was in Kindergarten I was a member of a baton class. Back then my mom took me to gymnastics, tap, ballet and baton lessons during the week.

I loved learning how to twirl and toss and so when my teacher announced to us that we would be marching in a Christmas parade I was

over the moon excited!

I can remember my mom carefully rolling my long, straight hair in those pink foam rollers. I wore them tightly secured to my head all day long in the hopes that when evening came I would have beautiful bouncy curls.

Sure enough they worked and once my costume and hair were complete I was proud as punch of my appearance.

My outfit consisted of a red shirt, white shorts, pantyhose and red leg warmers. Mom had pulled my hair up into pigtails that dangled beside my face and each was adorned with a red puff ball made of yarn at the top. The same decoration was attached to each of my white canvas shoes and matched perfectly with my knee high leg warmers.

There was a bustle of activity at the meeting place up on a hill in Paris. My fellow classmates and I excitedly fell into our lines and proudly began to march toward the road. We could hear the marching band playing far ahead of us which only added to the anticipation.

I remember so clearly the temperature that evening was completely unforgiving. We discovered fairly quickly that leg warmers and panty hose do not hold up too well against temperatures hovering slightly above the freezing mark.

As we marched we would stop ever so often and perform our baton twirling routine. We had made it through several stops before the freezing temperature began to take its toll. By this time the weather had pretty much turned the metal batons into popsicles in our hands.



Tossing them at least alleviated some of the discomfort, but eventually one by one the girls began to disappear into a van following closely behind our group. One of the parents had stayed close by so that everyone could quickly jump in, warm up, and get right back out to continue performing.

I was determined not to get in that van. I was still totally enamored with the whole idea of marching in a real parade and I wanted to see it through.

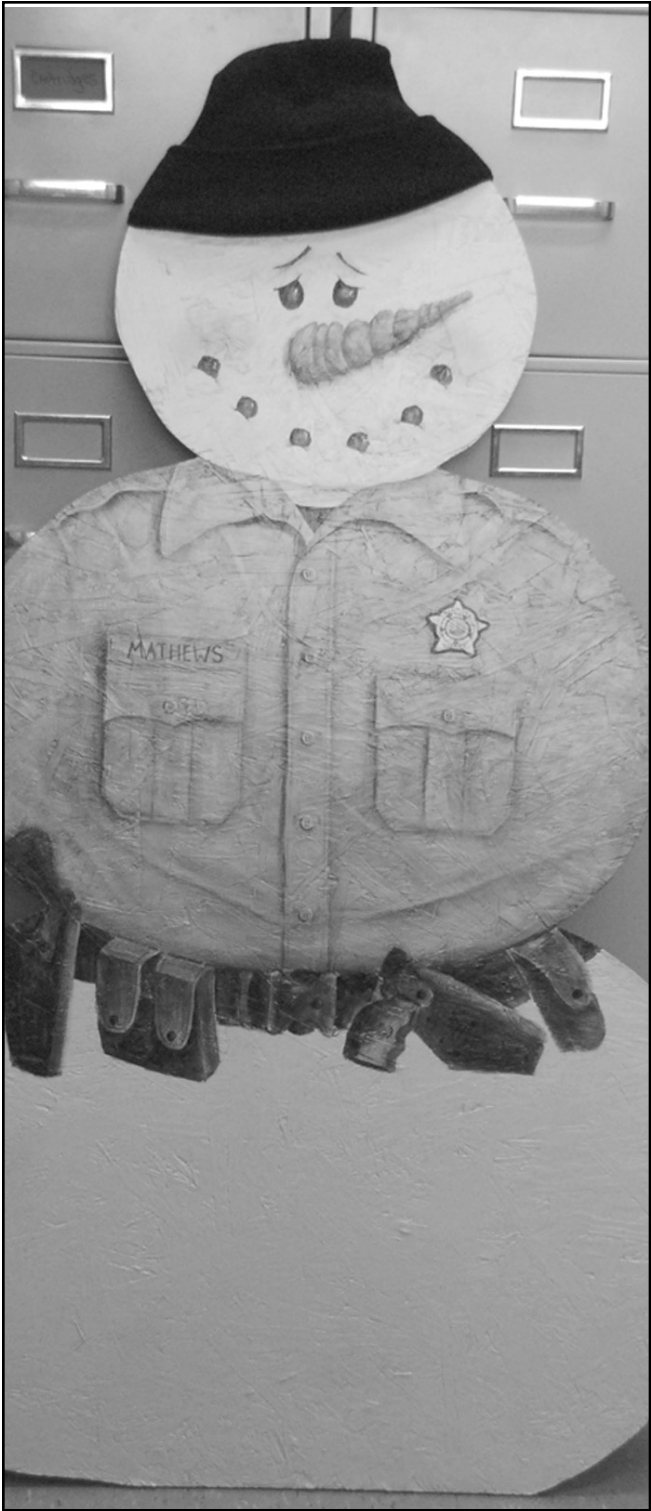
My mom has told me many times over the years how proud she was of me for sticking it out. Even though my teeth were chattering louder than the beat of the marching band the frigid air is not what I remember most about that night. I remember the glow of the street lights and the bustle of excitement from the crowd that had gathered to watch. There was something magical about it all to my six year old eyes and ears.

So as I watched my

son's excitement as we stood beneath the glow of the street lights, the beat of the marching band drifting through the air I was taken back by a wave of nostalgia. For just a moment that page of my life from so many years ago flipped open and I could almost feel those bouncy curls hanging beside my face and the icy grip I kept on my baton. I realized my life had come full circle and for that gift I was so thankful.

May you all have a very blessed week and I pray that you are enjoying the Christmas season so far. I would like to commend all who took part and volunteered their time for the various activities that took place last weekend. It was such a blessing to see the community come together.

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21



Happy Birthday !!!

Times Photos by James Cook
Above is Powell Deputy Robert "Rog" Mathews, wait a minute, that's an imposter. Actually it is one of the snowmen decorated for the courthouse lawn. The real Deputy Mathews had a birthday last week, so here is wishing him a belated Happy Birthday

Christmas is just
17 days away !!!

Guest Column: Really, whatever happened to cute?

By REV. JAMES L. SNYDER
Guest Columnist

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had commandeered the Christmas decorating operation for yet another year. I am not quite sure how she remembers when to start all of this, because the thought had not yet entered my mind.

Here it is Christmas and I am about as prepared for Christmas this year as I was last year. One of the great things about my wife is that she keeps all of these holidays in order and on time. I am still reeling from my Thanksgiving Day turkey indulgence.

Once again, our home is in decorating mode. My great contribution to the Christmas holiday decorating plan is to keep out of my wife's way. One year I tried to help her and let's just say we will not repeat that again. I just have no decorating expertise at all. I cannot tell the difference between a wrapping bow and a Christmas tree bulb.

Before I could get out of the way of the decorating frenzy in our home, I ran across something in the back of a box. How it got there, I have no way of knowing. How I got up this morning, I have no way of knowing either. However, there was a photo album from when I was a young person.

I want to stress the fact that there was a time when I was a young person. We will not discuss how long ago that was,

but just know that there was a time in my illustrious career when I was a young person.

I opened up the album and saw all of those photographs from when I was a young person. The photograph that really caught my attention was one taken before I was one year old. I had forgotten this photo. Of course, I have no recollection of when that photo was taken. I was about nine months old and I was mostly occupied with the rascal who confiscated my bottle.

I had simple concerns at that time. I was not worried for example about world affairs, politics or the economy. As long as I knew where my next bottle was coming from, I was a happy little camper in a diaper. I miss those days of naivety. I am looking forward someday returning to that state of mind.

I delighted looking at all of those pictures of what's was supposed to be me when I was very young. Then I found a picture I had completely forgotten about.

It is valuable at times to go back and relive the past. I know you cannot really relive the past, but you can look at the past and see how far you have come. Photographs are a marvelous way of reliving the past. These were the old black and white photographs, so you know how long ago that was.

The photo that really caught my attention was when I was very young. I believe this is the first photo ever taken of me. It was in the year of our

Lord 1951 and I was nine months old. Looking at that picture I had to admit to myself that I really was a cute little guy.

It was a black-and-white photo but my mother had carefully colored it with crayons. She did a marvelous job but then she had a great piece of work to begin with, if I say so myself.

The important thing about this photo was it was a picture of me, but it was also a picture of the winner of the cutest baby award in our community in 1951. I had won a beauty award when barely 9 months old. How many people can boast about that?

I really do not know any of the details of that beauty contest. After all, every nine-month-old baby is cute. I really do not think I was the cutest baby but then again I won the title and I have the picture in my hand.

Unfortunately my beauty career peak then and it has been on a downward slide ever since. I have the skid marks to prove it.

After looking at that picture for a while, went into the bathroom and looked into the mirror. What a shock. I could not see any resemblance in the mirror to anything in the picture. It would be a stretch for anybody to say that the two pictures were of the same person.

When anybody says that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder I would like to correct them and say that beauty is in the hands of the holder of a picture of the baby

who won the cutest baby award in 1951.

In the years since that picture was taken, I have lived quite a bit and Father Time has carved his initials on my face. I can honestly say I am not the same person in that photo. What innocence then. What naivety. There in that photo was a person who had not yet experienced the lumps of life yet.

The verse of Scripture that has encouraged me throughout my life has been Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV), "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Life is full of ups and downs, gains and losses but in the end, those who

trust Christ are marvelously guided throughout life and enjoy life of blessing to the Lord.

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Clay City Baptist, 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.

Emmanuel Baptist, 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300. Pastor Greg Webb; Minister of Students, Jake McPheron. Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.

Friendship Baptist Church, 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.

Mill Knob Baptist Church, 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

Morris Creek Missionary Baptist, Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Kevin Chaney. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am, Sunday night, 6 pm

Powell's Valley Baptist, 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.

Rehoboth Baptist Mission, 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Baptist, 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Troy Luttrell , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AAWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

West Bend Baptist, 10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.

Calvary Baptist Church, Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

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Cat Creek Church of Christ, Eugene Reed and Relzda McNabb, and Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.

Clay City Church of Christ, 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Church of Christ, 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Trinity Church of Christ, Hwy. 11 South, Beattyville, Pastor, JoAnn Perry; Saturday services 7 pm; Sunday services, 6 pm.

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Bowen First Church of God, Hwy. 15, 663-0751; Bro. Stephen Donithan, Min., Bowen, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Clay City First Church of God, 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Garland Lacy, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Emmanuel's Tabernacle Church of God, Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.

Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy, 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.

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Harg First Church of God, Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.

Hatcher's Creek Church of God, Dale Sparks, Min., Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

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More Than Enough Ministries Church of God, 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838,

Morris Creek First Church of God, 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tipton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

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New Beginnings Church of God, 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy.

82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.

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South Fork Church of God, Services Friday 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. Pastor Wilford Dale Helton.

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West Bend First Church of God, 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.

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West Bend United Methodist, 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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ENCOURAGING WORD: A TIME TO PREPARE



Howard Coop
Guest Columnist

of day was very special for me, for it was a period of genuine excitement, real expectation, and high hope. I anticipated a pleasant evening around the fireside

Several years ago the picture on the front cover of TOGETHER, a family oriented magazine, caught, and held, my attention. It was a picture of a very small boy, red headed and freckled faced, who pressed his nose tightly against a windowpane. As he looked outward toward something, there was a look of excitement and eager anticipation on his face.

That picture brought to mind a flood of pleasant memories from the days of my childhood when, in the late afternoon on winter days, I would go to the window, press my nose hard against the windowpane, and anxiously look for my father to come home from a hard day's work. Indeed, that time

with my father, my mother, and other members of our family.

Once more, we have entered a very special season of the year. Many people call this season Advent, a word that means "coming or arrival." Beginning just after Thanksgiving, it is the period including the four Sundays just before Christmas. This special period is filled with genuine expectation, eager anticipation, thoughtful preparation, and high hope as we look forward to Christmas and the joyous celebration of the birthday of Jesus who was born just over two thousand years ago in a stable that belonged to an inn keeper in the little town of Bethlehem in Judea.

Together the preparations made and the hopes possessed always determine what the season of Christmas means to any individual. It can be just another holiday filled with frivolity, or if the right attitude is possessed and proper preparation is made, Christmas can be a high and holy day filled with genuine meaning and special significance. Advent is the time to adequately prepare the heart and mind for that coming so that Christmas may be experienced for what it really is.



Times Photos by James Cook
Allison Krauss (above), known for her beautiful singing voice and awesome fiddle skills, played to a near full house at the PCHS Gymnasium last weekend.
Dan Tyminski (right) joined Krauss on stage and brought the house down when he sang his hit "Man of Constant Sorrow."
J.D. Crowe and the New South (top, left) also performed for the crowd and was greeted with standing ovations as they played some of their hits as well.
The concert, one of the biggest if not the biggest, in the past 20 years, was held to help the FOP raise money to help kids at Christmas time and all year long. The performers reportedly donated their time for the event.



How to survive family holidays

For those of us from families built on Debbie Downer DNA, there's only one direction a mood can go during holiday get-togethers and that's down. Whether you're the smiley face among frowners, or a bit of a Depressing Dan yourself, there are tricks you can use to keep the table talk from getting lethal, says Paula Renaye, a professional life coach and author of The Hardline Self Help Handbook, (www.hardlineselfhelp.com).

"You can take control simply by thinking about what you choose to say – or not say," Renaye says. "If you hear yourself criticizing, judging or complaining, you're part of the problem."

Happy, self-respecting people don't find it necessary to dump on others to make themselves feel good. "If someone else is the problem, simply don't give them the ammunition they need," she says. Instead try these tactics:

- Do not say anything negative. Period. And no one-downing! One-downing is the opposite of one-upping. It's the art of coming up with something worse when someone else talks about their problem.

No matter what negative thing anyone says, or how much you agree with it or don't, resist the urge to respond with a negative. Instead

- Dodge, distract and detour. Turn things around with a question -- a positive one. If you need to, make a "happy list" of questions before you go, so you'll have some at the ready. And remember, there's no law that says you have to answer a question just because someone asked it. With negative people, it's best if you ...

- Do not talk about yourself. The only reason negative people care about what you're up to is because they want something to ridicule, brag or gossip about to make themselves look or feel good. Don't go there.

Whether you just filed bankruptcy or won a Nobel Prize, keep it to yourself. No good can come of it. None. And why do you need to chatter like a chipmunk about yourself anyway? Might want to think on that one, too. Better to find some praise for someone else than to expect someone to praise you.

- Do not share your

woes. Even if you're in a tough place and could really use a shoulder to cry on, don't start laying your woes on a Negative Nell. Even in a weak moment, when you've had a terrible day, talking about it with a negative person is a bad idea.

You might get a micro-second of sympathy, but that's only so they can launch into telling you how much worse they have it. So, no talking about yourself unless you want to be the talk of the party, the family and the town.

- Do your homework and become like Teflon. Think of the times people said things that made you feel bad or made you feel the need to defend or explain yourself. If you want to avoid going down that trail again, start hacking away at the jungle of your own emotions. Get over needing anyone's approval or blessing.

If you are still waiting for negative relatives to validate you, you're in for a long wait. Don't set yourself up to be miserable. Get over it and go prepared.

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Gov. Beshear opens records of child fatality cases

Governor Steve Beshear today directed the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to open the records of cases in which child abuse or neglect resulted in a child fatality or near fatality.

“The death of any child is one too many, which is why it’s imperative state government do all it can to protect our vulnerable children,” said Gov. Beshear. “We have reviewed our laws alongside the laws of all other states regarding information released in these terrible situations. Everyone’s ultimate goal is to protect children, and my directives today are part of a comprehensive plan to strengthen our system.”

The Governor offered a four-step plan that addresses public information related to child fatalities, as well as steps to better review actions and decisions by Cabinet officials and a call to legislators to solidify the recommendations in law.

Opening the records

Gov. Beshear directed CHFS to release all records contained in its reviews of child deaths and near deaths involving child abuse and neglect, with redactions of certain identifying information such as information regarding the identities of victims, people who call with tips about abuse, social security numbers and information required to be kept confidential by specific statutes.

“My decision to open these records will allow the review of that information to further the health and safety of our children, increase the accountability of the Cabinet and improve our operations and practices going forward,” Gov. Beshear said. “Transparency will be the rule.”

An internal review of the laws of all 50 states revealed that state practices vary greatly regarding the release of records in child fatalities and near fatalities.

Legislative action

Gov. Beshear called on the General Assembly to hold vigorous, broad hearings regarding the laws governing the state’s practices with these records, and to enact laws that provide clearer guidance on the release of certain information.

Kentucky is a “permissive” state, meaning that current law says that certain unspecified information may be revealed in

the event of a child fatality or near fatality, but is not required to be. However, 32 states require mandatory release of certain records or information in such cases. Gov. Beshear will propose legislation to make the release of certain information mandatory.

“The current Kentucky laws are broad and unclear, and the Cabinet has worked very hard to stay within the bounds of those rules,” Gov. Beshear said. “But the time has come for the legislature to clarify what information should be public and what information needs to remain confidential for the safety of the child.”

Independent review panel

For the third time, the Governor is proposing legislation to create an independent review panel to look at child fatalities and near-fatalities where child abuse and/or neglect are alleged. Gov. Beshear has proposed similar legislation twice before, but those proposals did not survive the legislative process.

The panel would be appointed by the state Attorney General’s office and include professionals, such as doctors, social workers, pediatricians, forensic experts and law enforcement. The panel would review all cases in which the Cabinet has been involved or conducted an investigation.

The findings and recommendations from this panel will increase accountability of the

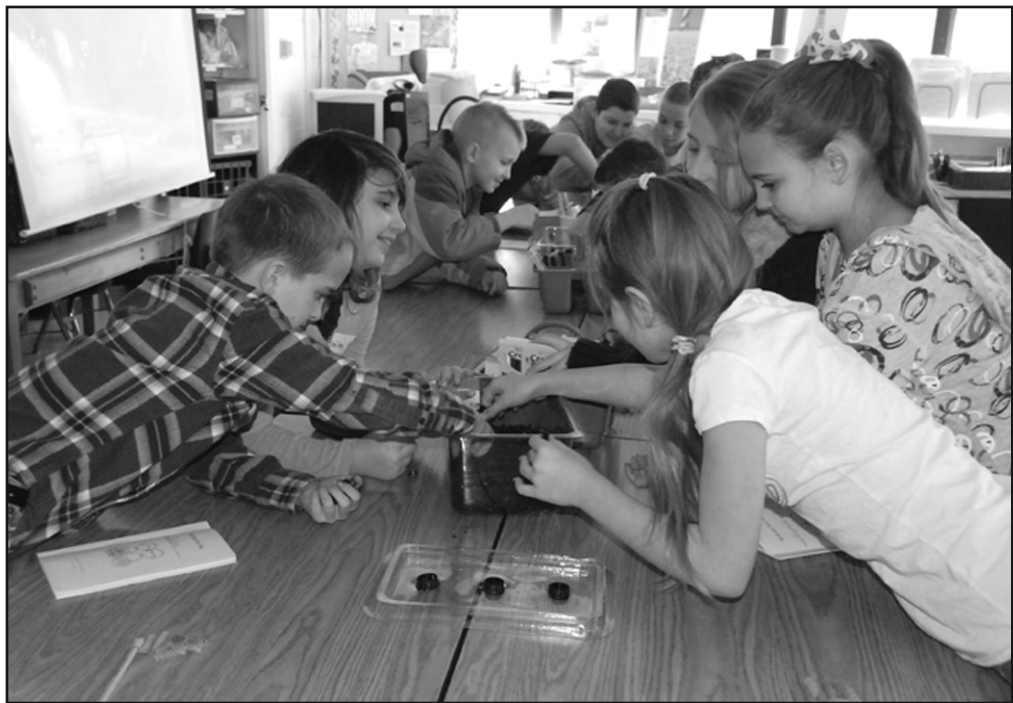
Cabinet, law enforcement, and others who come in contact with abuse and neglect situations. More than any other step, this will help to improve our system of child protection. We must learn from the unfortunate situations to help prevent future incidents if possible.

Comprehensive review of practices

At Gov. Beshear’s direction, the Cabinet has begun and will continue a comprehensive review of all practices, procedures, policies and laws related to child protection to look for further opportunities to improve the system.

The Governor voiced his strong support for the work of the Cabinet and the state’s social workers, and noted that the Cabinet is one of only seven states to receive accreditation from the Council on Accreditation, a national, independent, non-profit service focused on best practices for protective services.

“Our social workers provide a tremendous service to our state. They see our families at their worst, and they do their best to protect children’s safety and wellbeing,” Gov. Beshear said. “Their work is invaluable. If there are steps we can take to help social workers perform their duties and better protect our children, we must take them. We must make sure our child protective system makes good decisions for our families.”



Times Photos by Kayla Mays

Students at Bowen and Clay City Elementary Schools were treated to a new look at science as students from the ECU Teacher program were on hand to help the kids learn. Various experiments were used to help the learning process. The idea is to help teaching students put into use some of their knowledge and actually work with students before they graduate. The program is run by Dr. Scott Townsend, a professor at ECU and former teacher at Powell County High School

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Outreach Church

off of Richmond Road in Irvine

will be having their

Christmas Dinner

December 17, 2011

at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish and

enjoy in the fellowship.

Benefit Singing for

Rhonda Spencer

Saturday, Dec. 10

from 6pm-8pm at

Body of Christ

Minisries across from

the Twin on River Drive, Irvine

Bill Wesley & Larry Collins

Singers will be

Farmer Brother’s

and Full Gospel Singers



NOTICE

Powell Counties OrdinanceRegulating

Solid Waste States in Section 9:2

It is unlawful for anyone to dump or permit the dumping of any garbage, refuse, rubbish or debris on any property within the limits of Powell County. Anyone convicted shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 dollars.

From the office of the

County Judge Executive.

Classifieds

Did you know that the best way to buy, sell, trade, rent, or find what you are looking for is through your local classifieds? Now we are going to make it easier for you to rent that property or sell that old truck out back. Fill out the information below and we can help you get some extra cash in your pocket!

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

• ANIMALS/PETS

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

• AUTO

• FOR LEASE

• FOR RENT

• FOR SALE

• FURNITURE/ANTIQUES

• HELP WANTED

• LOST AND FOUND

• MISCELLANEOUS

• MOBILE HOMES

• REAL ESTATE

• SERVICES

• WANTED

• YARD SALE

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:


THIS AD:
STANDARD RATE

FURNITURE/ANTIQUES

FOR SALE: 2 full-size antique cherry beds and oak hall tree. For more info., call 723-5161 Mon-Tues (9:00-5:00) & Thur-Fri (9:00-4:00)

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NOW TELL US WHAT YOU WANT YOUR CLASSIFIED TO SAY:

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 - \$7 ⁵⁰
21 - \$7 ⁷⁰	22 - \$7 ⁹⁰	23 - \$8 ¹⁰	24 - \$8 ³⁰	25 - \$8 ⁵⁰
26 - \$8 ⁷⁰	27 - \$8 ⁹⁰	28 - \$9 ¹⁰	29 - \$9 ³⁰	30 - \$9 ⁵⁰
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Number of weeks you want ad to run: _____

(If ad is 20 words and you want to run 2wks make check for \$15)

Name:_____

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All ads must be prepaid. We accept the following
Cash, Check, Money Order, Visa, Master Card and Discover.
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Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____

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SEND THIS INFORMATION AND PAYMENT TO
CV&T • PO BOX 660 • IRVINE, KY 40336
Clay City Times • PO BOX 668 • CLAY CITY, KY 40312



Powell County welcomes the Christmas Season

Times Photos by James Cook

Friday night was buzzing as the Powell County Kiwanis Club Winterfest Parade took center stage. Various groups had floats, including the winning one from Bowen Elementary (middle, right). There was even the Second Annual Christmas Tea held at the Powell County High School where serving others and fellowship was the main theme. Above Tanner Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep's own Darrell Billings helps to serve the tables during the event. At the courthouse, while kids waited to see santa, Powell's own Kayne Allen and Kohl Faulkner entertained the crowd with some Christmas music. The band performed well in both parades and Clay City saw a few elves including a little cute one (Timber Drake) in their parade on Saturday



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Dear Santa,

I have already asked for a new bike for Christmas, but Honda of Richmond has a whole line of FOX clothing and riding gear. I wear a size medium and my dad wears a size XL. I would love the FOX 360 Retro Gear and something nice for my dad too!

Love, Ella



Dear Santa,

Since I have been good all year, I would like a new FOX Helmet and Riding Gear! Honda of Richmond has all the newest gear in stock. My size is youth small and they have everything I want!

Love, Brennan



Free Layaway

Layaway must be out by Dec. 23, 2011
All Deposits are non-refundable in store credit only

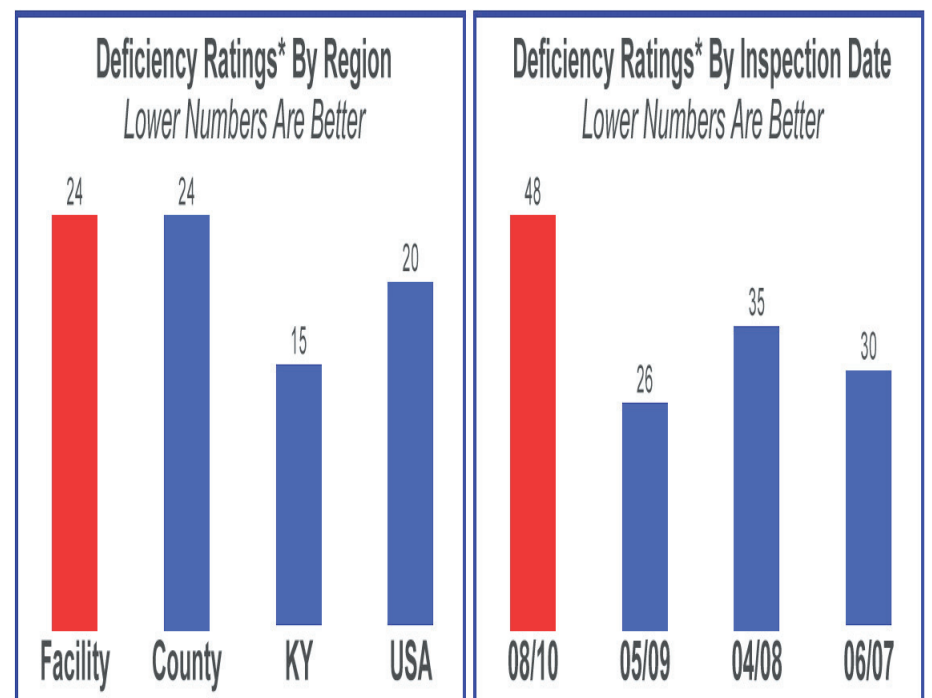
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Has Your Loved One Been a Resident of Stanton Nursing Center?

The Office of Inspector General of Kentucky conducted inspections and complaint investigations from May of 2008 to July of 2011 and cited the facility with multiple deficiencies including:

- Failure** to “give each resident care and services to get or keep the highest quality of life possible.” (08/12/10)
- Failure** to “give professional services that follow each resident’s written care plan.” (04/30/08, 09/24/08 & 08/12/10)
- Failure** to “give professional services that meet a professional standard of quality.” (09/24/08, 05/28/09 & 08/12/10)
- Failure** to “give residents proper treatment to prevent new bed (pressure) sores or heal existing bed sores.” (08/12/10)
- Failure** to “make sure that each resident who enters the nursing home without a catheter is not given a catheter, unless it is necessary.” (04/30/08 & 09/24/08)
- Failure** to “develop a complete care plan that meets all of a resident’s needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured.” (04/30/08)
- Failure** to “develop a complete care plan within 7 days of each resident’s admission; prepare a care plan with the care team, including the primary nurse, doctor, resident or resident’s family or representative; or check and update the care plan.” (05/28/09 & 08/12/10)
- Failure** to “tell the resident or the resident’s representative in writing how long the nursing home will hold the resident’s bed when the resident temporarily leaves the facility.” (02/15/11)
- Failure** to “make sure that the nursing home area is free of dangers that cause accidents.” (04/30/08 & 10/29/10)
- Failure** to “choose a doctor to be the medical director.” (08/12/10)
- Failure** to “keep accurate and appropriate medical records.” (08/12/10)
- Failure** to “set up or keep a group of people to review and ensure quality.” (08/12/10)
- Failure** to “have drugs and other similar products available, which are needed every day and in emergencies, and give them out properly.” (04/30/08 & 05/28/09)

- Failure** to “keep the rate of medication errors (wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong time) to less than 5%.” (05/28/09)
- Failure** to “have a program to keep infection from spreading.” (04/30/08 & 05/28/09)
- Failure** to “write and use policies that forbid mistreatment, neglect and abuse of residents and theft of residents’ property.” (09/24/08)
- Failure** to “make a complete assessment that covers all questions for areas that are listed in official regulations.” (04/30/08)
- Failure** to “develop a plan with the resident and family for the resident’s care after leaving the nursing home.” (09/05/08)
- Failure** to “properly mark drugs and other similar products.” (04/30/08)
- Failure** to “make sure that residents are safe from serious medication errors.” (10/20/08)
- Failure** to “give or get lab tests to meet the needs of residents.” (04/30/08)
- Failure** to “provide needed housekeeping and maintenance.” (04/30/08 & 05/28/09)
- Failure** to “make sure there is a program to prevent/deal with mice, insects, or other pests.” (05/28/09)



*The numbers above represent the total DEFICIENCY RATINGS not the number of deficiencies reported.

Deficiency Rating = Scope + Level of Harm. Total Deficiencies are the SUM of Deficiency Ratings for all deficiencies reported and reflect how Serious, Widespread, and Frequent the infractions were. Carepathways.com

PLEASE LET US HELP:

1. **Investigate:** We’ll gather records and evidence of what goes on while you’re not there.
2. **Prevent:** We want to prevent legal claims from being barred by the passage of time.
3. **Listen:** If you witnessed bad conduct or conditions, please take a moment to tell us about it. This might help other residents.
4. **Protect:** Valid legal claims can deter future bad conduct.



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